



POLITICAL CARTOON HOMEWORK



During the next week, please complete this brief assignment. We have been studying political cartoons of the Industrial Revolution and of the Gilded Age. We have discussed the power of political cartoons to express opinions and bring awareness to social concerns. For homework, please do the following:

Draw your own political cartoon.

Draw a cartoon about one of the recent historical eras we have studied: the Industrial Revolution or the Gilded Age. Choose a topic from the course material – big business, industrialization, monopolies, political corruption, the new rich, the urban poor, laissez faire government, etc. Draw an *original* cartoon that demonstrates your opinion about this topic of history.

You may choose to focus on a social problem, such as tenement housing or child labor. Or you may choose a notable character from history, such as Rockefeller or Carnegie or Boss Tweed. You may choose among different methods of using words in the cartoon: having a caption underneath, having your characters speaking, having words appear on certain objects, or having no words at all.

A standard 8½ x 11 sheet of paper is fine to use (poster board or other large paper is unnecessary). Please select, however, blank paper that does not have lines or other markings. You may choose to draw either a color or a black-and-white cartoon.

Whatever you choose, be sure that your *opinion* comes across. Please try to make the cartoon legible, but it does not matter whether or not you are a good artist. The focus here is on the *message* and the *creativity*!

Due Date: In class, Monday, November 15

